

## Message Text

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ACTION NEA-09

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AID-05 EB-07 COME-00 AGR-05 TRSE-00

IGA-01 CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 PM-03 NSC-05 SP-02

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FM AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2399

INFO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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E.O. 11652 N/A

TAGS: EAID, CE

SUBJ: PL-480 RICE FOR SRI LANKA

PASS AGRICULTURE

NEW DELHI PASS TO DENNIS KUX

REF: STATE 062322

1. WE VERY MUCH REGRET TO LEARN THAT SOME WASHINGTON AGENCY HAS LEAKED POSSIBILITY OF PL-480 RICE TO SRI LANKA EMBASSY WASHINGTON. MOVE TENDS UNDERCUT EMBASSY'S EFFECTIVENESS AND REDUCES IMPACT HERE OF ADDITIONAL AND UNEXPECTED FOOD AID TO HARD-PRESSED MSA. THIS IS NOT FIRST TIME SUCH LEAKS HAVE OCCURRED BUT PRESENT CASE IS PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE.

2. AMBASSADOR HAD ALREADY REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH PRIME MINISTER AND, DESPITE LEAK, PLANS PROCEED WITH DISCUSSION OF RICE OFFER WHEN MEETING TAKES PLACE.

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3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ENSURE THAT ALL REPEAT ALL

U.S. AGENCIES INVOLVED IN FOOD AND OTHER ASSISTANCE  
TO SRI LANKA CHECK WITH DEPARTMENT BEFORE RELEASING  
ANY REPEAT ANY SUCH INFORMATION TO CEYLONESE  
EMBASSY WASHINGTON.  
VAN HOLLEN

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